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Retort Exploded.

At the Valparaiso mine last Friday there was witnessed the unusual occurrence of a retort, containing a large quantity of almagam, exploding in the process of purification. The mine is being operated by Manuel Garabaldi and three others, in partnership. It was the first effort on their part in retorting gold amalgam. It is reported that the value of the amalgam was in the neighborhood of \$3000—a very nice sum, the output of a claim operated by the interested parties alone. The furnace was built in the open air. Those in charge had seen the thing done by others, and it seemed an easy matter, which they believed they could handle with safety. Quicksilver when heated sends forth gases of great explosive force. The first thing they knew the lid was blown to smithereens, and one-half the contents of the retort was scattered over the country. Fortunately no one was struck by the flying pieces or the melted metal. In spite of all efforts to recover the spilled gold, there is bound to be considerable of it lost. It requires a man experienced in such matter to do that kind of work. Dan Boro, who is employed at the Kennedy has heretofore retorted the gold at the Valparaiso, but the boys thought they could do it also. They were thoroughly scared by their first venture in that line, and will not essay the job again in a hurry.

A Serious Fall

Monday morning Miss Mary Dempsey, grand treasurer of the Native Daughters, fell from the second story porch of the Frakes' home in Sutter Creek, and broke her back just below the shoulders. She had just finished making her toilet, and had stepped out on the porch to throw the water out. There was still frost on the floor, so that she slipped. There being no railing around the porch, she slid off it and to the ground, a distance of more than twenty feet. Miss Laura Frakes went up stairs to call her for breakfast, but receiving no response, she made a search for her, and found her lying where she had fallen, in an unconscious condition. She regained consciousness on Tuesday, but was suffering great pain. No hope was held out for her recovery at any time. All the lower part of her body was paralyzed.

Miss Dempsey has been grand treasurer of the Native Daughters for the past five years, and is held in the highest esteem by everyone. She was a great friend of Miss Frakes, spending a great part of her time in Sutter Creek as a guest. She was there for the benefit of her health, as she was suffering from pulmonary trouble, and the climate of the foothills agreed with her much better than that of the coast. She was a charter member of Minerva Parlor No. 2, of San Francisco.

Funeral of S. W. Bright.

The funeral obsequies of Samuel W. Bright took place on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Services were held at the residence on Pitt street, the Rev. J. B. Nicholas officiating. The remains were not taken into the church. The Native Sons and Daughters turned out in respect for the memory of one of the pioneers of this section, and a large number of other citizens followed the procession to the Protestant cemetery where the remains were deposited in the family plot.

Strike Settled.

The new strike at Angels was amicably settled early in the week. The mine owners conceded the claims of the union employees, by allowing that the nine hours' working day should commence from the time of lowering into the shaft and terminate on emerging from the shaft. At first the owners insisted upon the full nine hours at actual underground work. The difference is about a quarter of an hour. It is generally conceded that the employees were right in their contention this time. Everything will move along smoothly in this famed mining camp hereafter, and no further hitches will occur between the owners and employees. Angels Camp has had its surfeit of labor troubles, and miners and tradesmen want a long rest.

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Conditions at the Fremont.

Work at the Fremont-Gover mines is still going on with as much expedition as possible, though they are still working under a great many difficulties. Two divers were brought up from the city last week to start the pumps in the Gover. The water in this shaft is above the lowest level, which is the connecting drift with the Fremont, so that in order to start the draft between the two mines as it was originally, down the Fremont and up the Gover, it is necessary to get the water below this bottom level. The pump is set on this level so that it also was under water, and the only way to start it was to get men prepared to go into water. They succeeded in starting the pump, and in fixing it so that it can now be started from above the water. It was reported that they were going down the Fremont to bring out the bodies, but this was not the purpose of bringing them from the city, so they returned when their task was completed. The skip is also hoisting water, but it leaves the track very often on account of the great amount of debris floating on the water. No bad gas can be detected in the Gover at any time. It will take a number of days before the water in the Gover can be lowered sufficiently to allow the men to take out the bulkheads in the lower drift. The fire in the Fremont is supposed to be entirely out by this time, though it is only guess work, but by the time that the bulkhead on the 1300 foot level can be removed, there will be no danger from that source. Steam has been forced through the air pipes into the shaft of the Fremont since the fourth. These pipes were broke by the intense heat.

As soon as the Fremont can be entered with any degree of safety from being suffocated, men will go into it and bulkhead each drift as they pass it, so as to insure that the fire will not break out above them after they have gone down into the mine. The greatest care will have to be exercised for there is no telling at what moment the track will give way, besides, the fire might start again, which would place the men in the same fix as those that lost their lives.

From Hunting Trip.

Frank Valvo, W. Hess, Gus Lavroue and Chub Green returned home last Friday evening from a hunting expedition to Colusa county. They put in a week roaming over the marshes of that region in quest of ducks, and other water fowls. Ducks were rather scarce, although they managed to bag a few. Geese were more plentiful, but they were much harder to capture. From a sporting standpoint the trip was disappointing, but the outing did the quartet a world of good.

The Modesty of Women

Naturally makes them shrink from the indelicate questions, the obnoxious examinations, and unpleasant local treatments, which some physicians consider essential in the treatment of diseases of women. Yet, if help can be had, it is better to submit to this ordeal than let the disease grow and spread. The trouble is that so often the woman undergoes all the annoyance and shame for nothing. Thousands of women who have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription write in appreciation of the cure which dispenses with the examinations and local treatments. There is no other medicine so sure and safe for delicate women as "Favorite Prescription." It cures debilitating drains, irregularity and female weakness. It always helps. It almost always cures. It is strictly non-alcoholic, non-secret, all its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper; contains no deleterious or habit-forming drugs, and every native medicinal root entering into its composition has the full endorsement of those most eminent in the several schools of medical practice. Some of these numerous and strongest of professional endorsements of its ingredients, will be found in a pamphlet wrapped around the bottle, also in a booklet mailed free on request, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. These professional endorsements should have far more weight than any amount of the ordinary lay, or non-professional testimonials.

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Cadet Jriart, Manuel Tozo, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Zani Lazzaro.

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Dress Goods at reduced prices.

Our line of 65c and 75 cents per yd. is now sold at 50c

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Henriettas—a fine assortment of brown, black, light and navy blue, and pearl gray invisible plaids, per yard 50c

Cashmeres—Light blue, gray and white, per yard 50c

Gray wool plaids, a good value, pr yd. 35c

Trico—a nice assortment of black, gray, light and navy blue, mixed and garnet, per yard 35c

A snap on goods for school dresses, per yard 20c and 25c

Card of Thanks.

With gratitude we desire to tender to our kind neighbors and friends our heartfelt and sincere thanks for the many favors and assistance to us rendered during the sickness and bereavement we have lately sustained. Mrs. Scapuzzi and family. Mrs. L. Summers. Mrs. C. Babboni.

On Wednesday afternoon sixteen graduates of the Berkeley high school were given their diplomas. Among the number is the name of Boggs Caminetti, one of our town boys.

"I suffered habitually from constipation. Doan's Regulalet relieved and strengthened the bowels, so that they have been regular ever since."—A. E. Davis, grocer, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Hotel Arrivals

National—

Thursday—G W Easton, Plymouth; Geo R McLeod, Oakdale; Dave Sellg, San Francisco; I P Ostrom, Oleta.

Friday—C C Prouty, Ione; A P Matthews, H A Fortriede, R Boog, San Francisco; L H Rodabaugh, Sacramento; S McMullen, San Francisco.

Saturday—Geo H Blower, San Francisco; Mrs P Wilson Morris, French Camp; Mrs C Jeremiah Morris, Squedunk; Barney Levy, San Francisco; Mrs Gordon Forbes, Miss Myrtle Hendrick, Marysville; J J Green, Stockton.

Monday—G W Nicholas, Sonora; G T Wayland and wife, W A Bennetts, Ione; E M Fisher, San Francisco; T M Lash, H W Johnston, A R Johnston, H M Lynn, Sacramento; Mr and Mrs D G Schmidt, San Francisco.

Tuesday—Geo A Gray, Stockton; G Davidson, L A Gramborni, San Francisco; J A Maxfield, Los Angeles; M A Marks, San Francisco; N S Hindson, Geo Price, Sacramento; Harry Keller, San Francisco.

Globe—

Wednesday—Wm J Prisk, Amador; R Hageman and wife, San Andreas; M Jones, Ione; Tony Levaggi, Plymouth; H M Spenser, West Point.

Thursday—W H Wonderly, Sutter Creek; Jos Pigeon, Oleta; E M Gillick, Volcano; R H Bagley, W D Amick, Ione; Mrs ES Burt, Geo D Stewart, Sacramento; W Beiderman, Defender mine; A Petri, San Francisco.

Friday—M P Werry, N Rego, H Hedrick, Electra; A Sherfy, New Hope; A Holling, Sacramento; G Hopkins, New York.

Saturday—Thos Davis, Plymouth; I P Nelson, West Point; A Y Zabel, A P Clark and wife, Phil Jones, Electra.

Sunday—J Love, P V Parker, G L Thomas, Amador; F A Hensley, Electra; Miss Ida McKisson, West Point; Leva Murry, Sadie Bund, Alice Buham, Blanch Laird, Nellie Hinton, Edith Lessley, Helen Beatie, M A Reese, Hulda Sorensen, J S Davis, Fred Pettis, L Newman; H G McKisson, West Point.

Monday—Geo F Mack, Ione; Mrs Ben H Smith, Defender; Irma P Joyce, Mrs McGee, Mokelumne Hill; John Libby, C Klinger, Sacramento. Tuesday—Wm McLane, Defender.

Church Notes.

On Sunday Dec. 22, services will be conducted as follows at the Methodist Episcopal church: The pastor will preach in the morning on "Good tidings of great joy," and in the evening "What Christ came for." Special Christmas music by the choir, and others. All are cordially invited. Sunday school at 2 o'clock.

Christmas Tree at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, and an interesting program by the Sunday school children.

Episcopal—

Jackson—Every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and every 2d and 4th Sunday at 7:30.

Sutter Creek—Every 2d and 4th Sunday at 11 a. m., and every 1st and 3d Sunday at p. m.

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Continuation of Sale

On account of the unfavorable weather, and so as not to have customers and friends living at a distance put at a disadvantage, we will prolong our sale, heretofore announced by circular for this week, to cover the following additional five days, namely: Dec. 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st.

All lines of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, and HOLIDAY GOODS included in sale, special prices on shelf GROCERIES and HOUSEHOLD goods. Special prices given in circular hold good.

Bean guessing contest now open. Ends Xmas eve.

Every \$2.00 purchase of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes and holiday goods, entitles one to a guess. \$4.00 worth to two guesses, and so on.

Three jars to be guessed at. Each one a different prize.

Nearest guesser of number of beans in jar 1 receives a cowhide suit case worth \$7.00.

Jar 2 gives the best guesser a beautiful 24 inch

Kestner doll, real hair and eyelashes. Value \$4.50

Jar 3 covers a silver cake basket. Value \$4.00

Guess at whichever jar or jars you wish.

In conclusion we wish to call special attention to the completeness of our Toy Department and general Holiday Goods, and the low prices, we are selling these goods for, having luck to buy at import figures.

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From Near-by Counties.

Another of the old pioneers has crossed the Great Divide and gone to that land from which none ever comes again. James Sylvester Cooley passed away at his home in the Mount Echo district at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, after a few days illness with lagrippe, at the ripe old age of 71 years, 4 months and 24 days. James Sylvester Cooley was born in Ohio, July 17, 1836, and spent his boyhood at the family home near Johnstown, in that state. In 1860 he came across the plains to California and settled near this city. In 1862 he married Miss Flora A. Fassett, and there were born to them six children, all of whom survive their father. They are Mrs Candace Cain of Oakland, Chas. Cooley of Walla Walla, Washington, Mrs. I. W. Pease of Stockton, Ira Cooley of this city and Misses Elizabeth and Edith Cooley of San Francisco. Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. F. P. Flegal at noon Friday and the remains were interred in the lone cemetery in the afternoon.—Echo.

On last Monday a notice to the effect that commencing with that date the miners would have to work nine hours underground was posted at the Lightner mine and as a result the night men refused to go to work. The next morning the notice was taken down, since which time the men have been working. A similar notice was posted at the Utica shaft and on Tuesday morning as the day shift was starting to work a representative of the union called them off and they did not return to work. It is claimed by the superintendents of the mines that the agreement of the strike in September, that the men were to work nine hours underground, while the men say that they were to work nine hours, to go one way on the company's time. On Thursday night superintendent Martin laid off all the top men excepting the engineers and on Friday left for the city to confer with the owners as to what course should be taken. At the present time the Lightner and the Angels mines are both operating, pending a settlement of the question.—Angels Record.

Richard Inch and Herman Cramer have been given letters patent by the United States on their perpetual calendar. As the name implies it is good for all time in registering the unnumbered years to come.—Tualuma Independent.

Miss Belle Coledge, teacher in the Salem school, was called to Sacramento Monday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of her uncle, who had suffered a stroke of apoplexy.—Lodi Sentinel.

Joe Datson, formerly of Plymouth, Amador county, but now with the Leavaggi Company of San Francisco, was in Placerville last evening interviewing their retail liquor men.—El Dorado Nugget.

In the suit for maintenance of Elizabeth Phillips against Josiah Phillips, an order was passed that an execution issue for the full amount due her according to the judgment \$900.—Sonoma Banner.

A. S. Ryland of Stockton passed through town Sunday evening, on his way to Angels, to make a three months' test with a Pacific baby drill in an Angels mine. Those who are familiar with the above machine, which is manufactured by the Angels Iron Works, claim that as a hard hitter and in speed and simplicity, it has every machine now on the market beaten.—Citizen.

Don't think that piles can't be cured. Thousands of obstinate cases have been cured by Doan's Ointment, 50 cents at any drug store.

LANCHA PLANA.

Correspondence Record.

Dec. 10.—Two new phones have been installed on the Barnett telephone line, one at the Fitzimmons home near Buena Vista and one at Mrs. Norris'.

Quite an exciting time was in order in town Monday evening, when the horse belonging to C. Kerreh ran away and broke the buggy into kindling wood, throwing the occupants out. Mrs. Kerreh was bruised quite badly, but was not seriously hurt.

W. P. Jamison, one of Sacramento's rising young architects, came up Monday, on a visit to his sister, Mrs. R. A. Baird.

The "Palace" hotel seems to be doing quite a business here, under the new management. Nine boarders are staying there now.

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	Milligrams.
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Sir William Ramsay	20
Sir William Crookes	20
Prof. d'Arsonval	20
Prof. Bortas	10
M. Becquerel	10
Thomas Edison	20

The various medical and scientific institutes in the world possess between them about 30 centigrams. The Societe des Produits Chimiques has about 30 other centigrams in stock, and several persons, mostly manufacturers in different countries, possess between them about 20 centigrams, so that not more than 10 centigram may be said to be in the hands of unknown persons.

Radium is extracted by means of a complicated system of washing and chemical reactions. The radium now existing has been entirely extracted from the "pitchblende of Joachimststadt," and it took a thousand tons of mineral to provide the single gram of radium in existence.

El Dorado County Building Stone

G. W. Baltic, a representative of one of the largest cement and construction companies on the Pacific coast, through S. L. Watkins, has interested the company in the building stone of El Dorado county. The Newtown ridge between Pleasant Valley and Newtown is capped with this building stone which is a white volcanic ash rock, and when first taken out, can be easily sawed or hewn in any desired size or length. The longer the stone is exposed to air and light the harder it becomes, and buildings erected at Newtown 57 years ago, are in better condition than when first built. The properties bonded are those belonging to Wallace Thorson. Mrs. Church, J. R. Ridenour of Pleasant Valley, Chas. Bryant of Diamond Springs, Joseph Kopley of Smith's Flat and J. Gardella and John DeCurtin of Newtown. A pottery and cement plant will be operated in connection with the stone quarry. Several members of the company will be here next week to give the property a more thorough examination.—Mt. Democrat.

Story of Lincoln.

In connection with the discussion regarding the omission of the motto "In God We Trust" from the golden eagles, a correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch is reminded of the story told of Lincoln at the time the greenbacks were issued during the Civil War. It was then proposed by the secretary of the treasury and others that some scriptural text should be placed on the bills, and the president was asked for a suggestion. He replied, proposing "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." It may well be understood that this closed the discussion. The story appears to be even more apropos of the issue of clearing house certificates.

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"The free silver craze," says Colonel Watterson, "for if it was not a craze it was nothing, began by driving the oldest and ablest democratic leaders out of public life." The party now, the Colonel continues, is a close corporation under the one-man power, based not upon character, conviction and intellect, but upon proscription, intolerance and machine methods."

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Beating the Bryans.

By LESTER CORNING.

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"That woman is back again," snapped Mrs. Paulding. Her son smiled. "That" woman could be none other than Mrs. Bryan, the only person in Glendale who dared challenge Mrs. Paulding's pretensions to social leadership.

"They got in last night," said Fred mildly. "They had three weeks at the shore, two weeks in the mountains and a month in New York. They brought back a lot of things from there."

"And where did you get all this information?" demanded Mrs. Paulding in icy tones.

"Nancy," said Fred promptly. "I met her down at the postoffice and walked part of the way home with her."

"I wish you would remember that I do not like to have you speak to that loud person," said Mrs. Paulding fretfully. "Mrs. Beeman had the audacity to ask at the sewing circle the other afternoon if you were engaged to Nancy."

"There doesn't seem to be a chance for such luck," said Fred gloomily as he rose from the table. "Every time I ask her she reminds me how our respective mothers-in-law would love us."

"Every time?" echoed his astonished mother. "May I ask how many times you have lowered your dignity by proposing to that impudent girl?"

"About a hundred," was the easy response. "One of these days I'll catch her off her guard and she'll say 'Yes.'"

"I hope I may never live to see the day," said his mother dolefully.

"I hope you do," he said, with a laugh, as he bent and kissed the tightly compressed lips. "You'd like her, mummy, if you didn't hate her mother so."

Fred slipped out of the room, and his mother could hear the rumble of his



"NANCY AND I WERE MARRIED HALF AN HOUR AGO."

laughter as he crossed the broad hall. For a time she sat with compressed lips as she pondered the situation. Until two years before she had queened it over the Glendale set both by virtue of her husband's business and political importance and because of her own skill as an entertainer. Then the new pulp mill had been started at the upper dam, and Renfrew Bryan had brought his family to live in Glendale.

From the first the two women had crossed swords. Mrs. Bryan, who had humbly followed other leaders in the city, now asserted her right to the title in the small town, and by the brilliancy of her entertainments she had very nearly wrested social supremacy from her established rival before Mrs. Paulding had realized what was going on.

Her own entertainments became more ambitious, and for the last year the advantage had lain first with one and then the other. To have Fred fall a victim to Nancy Bryan was the worst blow she had sustained, and had she known that Nancy's mother was as furious as she at the turn affairs had taken she would have derived small comfort from that fact. In blissful ignorance of Mrs. Bryan's state of mind, she elected to believe it a move of that designing woman.

To add to the discomfort of the situation, she heard during the day that Mrs. Bryan was to celebrate her return by a garden party of unusual pretentiousness.

A number of her city friends were to make up a house party, and there was to be dancing on the lawn to the music of an orchestra famous throughout the state.

In her calmer moments Mrs. Paulding would have waited for revenge, but Fred's admission of his love angered her so that she lost her usual caution and announced a party for the same afternoon and evening. She engaged a brass band for the promenade music and arranged for a troupe of Arabian acrobats to perform on the lawn.

Glendale society was shaken to its foundations, and as each move was communicated to the other contestant through the medium of officious friends

some new feature was added as an offset until it seemed that nothing short of the engagement of a circus could definitely settle the honors.

It was in this frame of mind that Mrs. Paulding approached her son.

"You know that automobile you wanted," she began at the breakfast table. "I'll get it for you if you can devise some feature that Mrs. Bryan cannot possibly get for her party. That woman has copied every idea I have originated so far."

"Do you give me carte blanche?" he demanded.

"Spend as much as you like," she murmured.

"And you won't ask what it is until I spring it?" he stipulated.

"I promise," she said. "I may rely upon you, Fred?"

"For the sensation of the season," he assured, "take heart of grace, mother mine. I am planning to shake Glendale to its very foundations."

Much relieved, Mrs. Paulding hurried to confide to her dearest friends that she would have a sensation that could not be equalled. This in due course was communicated to Mrs. Bryan, who worried much; but, since Mrs. Paulding did not herself know the nature of the surprise, she could not betray Fred's plans.

The day of the "double header," as Paulding irreverently referred to it, dawned bright and beautiful, and by 2 o'clock the festivities were under way. There were circus performances on both lawns, and honors seemed fairly even. Mrs. Paulding went about with a smile of confidence upon her face and with skillful references to her surprise kept curiosity up to pitch. The afternoon passed without the appearance of the surprise, and the dusk had gathered before Fred disappeared, and word was passed that he had gone to engineer the great event. An hour later the Paulding butler sought his mistress, and she vanished into the house.

She found Fred in the library, and with him was Nancy Bryan.

"I want to introduce you to the sensation," said Fred, with a laugh, as he led the girl forward. "Nancy and I were married half an hour ago."

"And this is your surprise?" she gasped.

"Could you have a greater one?" he asked. "Every one knows of the rivalry between you and Mrs. Bryan. If you turn your party into a wedding reception you'll beat Mrs. Bryan to a standstill. You've been bragging about your surprise. You pretend you knew it was coming all along, and the laugh is on Mrs. Bryan."

For a moment Mrs. Paulding hesitated. In some ways it was a bitter pill to swallow; but, as Fred had shown her, it was necessary to make the best of the situation. She stepped forward and took the bright faced girl in her arms.

"My dear," she said sincerely, "I am very glad to welcome my son's wife to her new home. Let us go out on the lawn. I will introduce you to my friends."

She turned toward the door, but paused as down the street there came the sound of a marching band.

"What is that," she asked—"more of the surprise?"

Paulding nodded his head. "It's the people from the Bryans coming to congratulate the bride!" he exclaimed. "Mr. Bryan was with us, but went home to tell his wife and invite the crowd over here. You have swallowed up Mrs. Bryan's party with your counter attractions. I guess I've kept my promise, haven't I?"

Mrs. Paulding patted the curly head. "You have kept your promise," she agreed. "You have shaken us all to our very foundations." Then, putting on her best smile, she led the way to the piazza to meet Mrs. Bryan at the head of her guests.

Genesis of the Hailstone.

If it were not for the countless trillions of dust particles that float, separately, invisible, in the atmosphere there could be no raindrops, snow crystals or hailstones. From a perfectly dustless atmosphere the moisture would descend in ceaseless rain without drops. The dust particles serve as nuclei about which the vapor gathers. The snow crystal is the most beautiful creation of the serial moisture, and the hailstone is the most extraordinary. The heart of every hailstone is a tiny speck of dust. Such a speck, with a little moisture condensed about it, is the germ from which may be formed a hailstone capable of felling a man or smashing a window. But first it must be caught up by a current of air and carried to the level of the lofty cirrus clouds, five or six or even ten miles high. Then, continually growing by fresh accessions of moisture, it begins its long plunge to the earth, spinning through the clouds and flashing in the sun like a diamond-bolt shot from a rainbow.

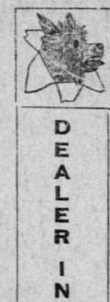
Still He Wouldn't Reform.

This curious tale of old time spiritism is taken by Defoe from Baxter's (1615-1691) "Historical Discourse on Apparitions." "There is now in London an understanding, sober, pious man, off one of my hearers, who has an elder brother, a gentleman of considerable rank, who, having formerly seemed pious, of late years does often fall into the sin of drunkenness. He often lodges long together here in his mother's house, and whenever he is drunk and has slept himself sober something knocks at his bed head, as if one rapped on the wainscot. When they remove his bed it follows him. Besides other loud noises on other parts where he is, that all the house hears, they have often watched him and tied his hands lest he should do it himself." But his mother declared that she had seen his shoes under the bed taken up and "nothing visible to touch them." The drunken sinner refused in spite of these solemn warnings to abandon his evil ways

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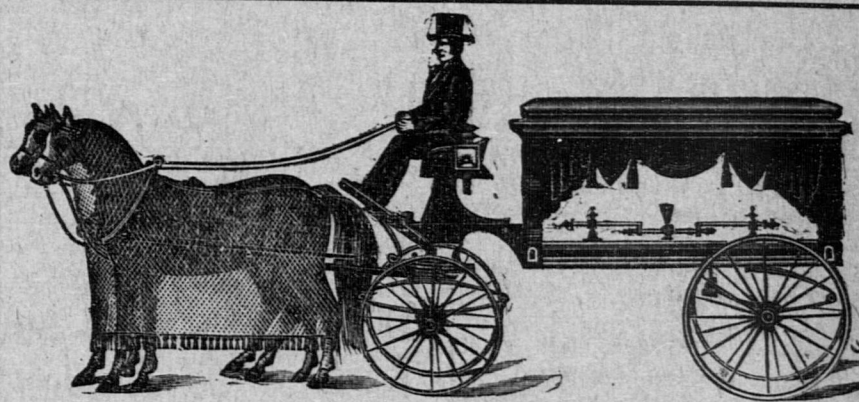
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For Rent—Two front rooms in the Webb hall building, suitable for offices. Apply at Ledger office.

For Rent—Rooms to let: inquire at Ledger office.

For Sale—Lot of benches, formerly used in Webb hall; 6 and 8 feet long; suitable for show place, churches, etc. Will be sold cheap; apply at Ledger office.

Acknowledgment blanks for notaries, specially printed for Amador county, may be had at the Ledger office. Price 50c per packet of 50.

Copies of the license ordinance of the City of Jackson in pamphlet form may be had at the Ledger office; price, 15c. each.

For Sale or Rent.—The Johns house and lot opposite skating rink on Broadway street, Jackson. Inquire of Wm. G. Snyder, Jackson, Cal.

For Sale—Sam Loree ranch, 120 acres, small house, barn, orchard, vineyard, eight miles above Sutter Creek. Wm. J. McGee.

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Jackson, Cal.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Julia Ginocchio returned Saturday evening, after spending three months in San Francisco, Oakland and other places.

Fred Eudey and wife came up Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives in this city.

Mr. Trener and family arrived in this city Sunday evening from Globe, Arizona. They intend to make their home here, and have gone to house-keeping in one of the Ginocchio houses on the Mason tract.

R. C. Hole is the attorney for the administrator of the Bright estate. The estate was largely over-estimated in value by current report, and will probably not exceed between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The lone High school will close today for the Christmas vacation. The "Nugget," issued by the student, will not be issued again until after the holidays, and then under a new managerial and editorial staff.

Judge G. W. Nichol of Tuolumne county, presided in the superior court here last Monday, in the hearing of cases in which Judge Rust was disqualified. One probate case, that of J. A. Williams, had been commenced over 15 years ago. Judge Nichol returned to his home in Tuolumne county Tuesday.

M. L. Smith Notary Public and Stenographer, Court St., Jackson, Telephone Black 413.

Jas. Jay Wright arrived from Goldfield, Nev., Monday evening, to see friends in Jackson. He will spend the holiday season with his relatives in Oakland. There is nothing doing with the Del Monte Goldfield, owing to the disturbed labor situation and the financial stringency in that camp.

The electric lights were off in spots around town for three hours during Monday night—from nine till 12. It was owing to some local flaw, and not because of anything at the main plant at Electra.

Mr. Thomas from West Point was admitted to the Sierra hospital last Saturday to be treated for fever.

Mrs. C. M. Meek went up to Defender on Thursday of last week, summoned hither on account of the critical illness of her sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Horn. She has been in attendance there since and at last accounts there was little improvement noticeable in the patient's condition.

The big shaft for the plant at Electra passed through this city on Saturday noon. It weighs 13½ tons, and fourteen animals—the best of Piccard's outfit—were needed to pull the ponderous weight. It started from Martell's Saturday morning, and reached Electra Tuesday night—Sunday was a rest day. So it took three days to make the trip of nine miles. It came near being hopelessly stalled in crossing the creek beyond the Zeila, where the new bridge is in process of construction. The filling that is being done there interfered with the movement of this huge load.

Use Pioneer flour, and you will call for no other brand.

The city papers reported last week that Tom Love, son of Mrs. H. Love of this city, who has been chief clerk of the Southern Pacific at Oakland mole, had been discharged, and was no longer in the employ of the company. This is partly incorrect. His mother heard from him a few days since, stating that he had been transferred from Oakland to San Francisco. He is still in the employ of the corporation, but his duties are at the head offices of the company in the flood building in San Francisco. A change of superintendent in the Oakland division caused a shifting of employes, and in the changes, Tom, who has been a trusted official for fifteen years, lost his place, to find another on the other side of the bay. PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best.

Dr. E. L. Phillips office is at his residence, on Hamilton tract, opposite California hotel.

Mrs. Elmer Duffene came down from Grass Valley, Nevada county, on Saturday, to spend the holidays with friends here. She was accompanied by her sister, Minnie.

Chris Meiss, driver of the stage between Jackson and Martell's, has been confined to his home since Monday, owing to a severe cold. Fred Tabean is driving in his place.

A. J. Sargent of Middle Bar, was in receipt of a telegram last Monday from Monterey county, conveying the sad news of the death of a nephew, J. B. Sargent, a son of the late R. C. Sargent of San Joaquin county. The deceased was a native of Monterey county.

J. F. Wilson, Dentist. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone—Office, black 444; residence, Black 394; Jackson.

Last Saturday evening a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Giovannoni gathered at their home to bid them welcome and wish them well. Quite a few came over from Mokelumne Hill, where Mrs. Giovannoni, nee Quirrol, passed her school days. The crowd made merry until a late hour.

The weather has been foggy nearly all the week. Grass has made great strides, and farmers are busy plowing and preparing to put in their crops.

We are keeping right up to date with our Peerless planisfer flour, getting a little better right along.

The grand jury of Calaveras county, convened in 1906, handed in its final report last week. It scores the ex-county clerk, Jacks, for extravagant charges for indexing, amounting to several hundreds of dollars, and reflects upon the conduct of county business in several other ways. Now, there was a body of men that did not shirk the duty of investigating; and they have turned up something that will have a wholesome influence upon official conduct in future.

Leo, Ulrio de Rocco and his bride, formerly Mrs. Della Joyce, who were married in Stockton recently, returned from their wedding tour on Saturday last. They are both from Defender, and went up to that district the following day.

A. A. Kimball was down from Defender yesterday for medical advice. He is on crutches, owing to severe affliction of the knee joint, the result of an injury by a fall in July last. He has been unable to do anything since, and has for the greater part of the time being confined to the house at his mother's place in Pioneer district.

W. P. Detert of the Zeila mine, told the chairman of the board of supervisors just before the last meeting of that body that he would refund the amount they would have to pay for the dump used in making the fill near the mine. The amount the contracting party has to pay to the Zeila mine is about \$438, which is the extra taxes the company had to pay to the county on account of increased assessment.

J. D. Palmer, who has been very sick from pneumonia for the past number of weeks, is sufficiently improved to be at his work again.

Miss Delabaunt, who has been teaching at the Aetna school, went down to Sacramento this morning to spend the holidays with her parents.

Pioneer flour is the best; have no other.

There are a great many rumors to the effect that there was a shooting scrape at the boarding house run by Mike Churchill, opposite the cemetery, and that at least one of the parties was badly hurt, but the officers as yet have been unable to find anyone injured. The boarders had been carousing, and some passers-by claimed to have heard shots within.

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J. C. Nardini arrived in this city from Los Angeles on Thursday of last week. He left this county when a boy, twenty-three years ago, with his parents, and has not visited this section since until the present time. He was educated in the common schools here, his parents living at the time near Marre's hotel. He is now employed by the federal government in the immigration service, and his headquarters are in Los Angeles. His business is to see that the laws relating to the incoming of aliens are strictly enforced. Of course most of the work in that line is in regard to the Chinese and Japanese. He has a leave of absence for over a month, but expects to leave here early next week.

Hunting licenses were issued to Geo. W. Fitzgerald and Peter I. Jonas during the last week.

Will Fuller returned from Ramsey last evening, and will spend a few days here. He is superintendent of the Ramsey Comstock mines.

J. E. Wilson and wife of Kennedy Heights, have gone to Tuolumne county, to spend the holidays. V. Barrett has taken Mr. Wilson's place at the Kennedy during the latter's absence.

Z. T. Justus came up from Oakland Wednesday evening. He is much improved, although still far from being a well man. He has a large assortment of talking machines to dispose of, which he had purchased for the holiday trade prior to his sickness.

Jack Parsons, who is working on the fill at the bridge across Sonth Jackson creek near the Zeila mine, had his hand mashed yesterday so that he had to lay off. He was pushing a loaded car out from the chute, while one of the other men started to push the car on the siding in to fill it, but was in too big a hurry and caught Parsons hand between the two cars, causing a very painful injury, though not one that will lay him up for very long.

Under the head of "Documents Recorded" there is an affidavit of birth made by Mrs. George Salzgeber of Ione, of children born to Chung Mow See, also of that place. There were six children born, the first in 1891, all of them being natives of Ione. Mrs. Salzgeber swears that she has lived near the Chinese family for the past twenty-five years, and knows that all the children were born in Ione. It seems that one of the boys is now desirous of going to China, and wants to be sure that he can return to this country when he is ready and without any trouble, but the immigration officials would not give him return papers without the proper credentials as to his birth.

A marriage license was issued by the county clerk authorizing the marriage of Eugenio Morinelli, aged 23, a native of Italy now of Amador City, and Catherine Vaira a native of California, now of Drytown.

Mrs. L. J. Glavinovich and son, Marshal, went down to Richmond yesterday morning, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Spagnoli.

Mrs. F. W. Parker went to Richmond yesterday, to spend Christmas with her sons, Clarence and Arthur, who are in the employ of the Santa Fe. She will probably spend New Year's with her other son, Ruel, who is employed by the Southern Pacific at Oakland. She was accompanied by her daughter, Laura.

Mrs. Marguerite Mollino has taken out a license to distill brandy at her place about five miles from town. Alfonso Ginocchio and William Tam are on her bond to the amount of \$3,000 each.

A statement was published in the Sacramento papers to the effect that T. R. Jones, late division superintendent of the Southern Pacific at that point, was to be the political manager for the great railroad corporation in that city. He is and has been all along in the employ of the company. But he writes to correct the statement that has been so broadcast, and asserts that there is nothing whatever of a political nature to his position.

Harmony Lodge, Degree of Honor A. O. U. W., on Monday evening elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Past chief of honor, Vienna Guerard; chief of honor, Hannah Kohler; lady of honor, Ella Conlon; chief of ceremonies, Luna Clark; usher, Louise Seymour; financial secretary, Gertrude Barker; receiver, Callie Seymour; recorder, Annie Lemlin; inside watch, Marie Barker; outside watch, Annie Lapava; trustee, Marie Barker, J. W. Nettle and Jas. E. Dye.

Mrs. K. L. Delahide has now on display a beautiful line of trimmed hats for ladies and children, at greatly reduced prices.

Robert Kerr returned Wednesday evening, after a short stay in San Francisco.

Wm. J. McGee's law office is now in the Grant building, rooms 413 and 414, at the corner of 7th and Market. Tel. Market 79. N294t

Albert A. Mollino Becomes an Attorney

(Communicated.)

Albert A. Mollino, who received his grammar school training in Middle Fork district of Amador county, was admitted to the bar to practice as an attorney at law in all the courts of the state, on the 9th day of December, at Sacramento.

Upon completing his grammar school course at Middle Fork, Mr. Mollino entered the San Jose high school, and after spending four years there, he graduated with high honors. While attending high school he was very prominent in athletics, especially on the foot-ball field. During his junior and senior years, he attracted the attention of the two leading universities of the state, and both institutions gave him inducements for his athletic ability. During his first year at high school his father died and he had almost decided to give up his studies, but through the efforts of his mother who was always ready to make any sacrifice for her son, and the entreaties of his sisters and brothers, he was induced to return to school, and graduated from high school with full university recommendations.

Thereupon he was at first inclined to enter the university of California, but later changed his plans and entered Leland Stanford Junior University. During his four years at Stanford he was very prominent, both in social circles and athletics. During his first year at college, he made the freshman team, being a formidable pillar at center. The team defeated the University of California by a score of 25-0. He was a likely candidate for the varsity team, but owing to an injury which resulted in breaking his collar bone he had to retire from athletics for the year. During his second year, the athletic situation at Stanford was confronted with the problem of who could fill the position of center for the famous machine that defeated the veteran team of the university of California by a score of 12-5. Coach Lauegan solved the problem by intrusting the important position to Mr. Mollino. Although outweighed 60 lbs. by his opponent, he played rings around the latter, and again covered himself with glory.

During his last year at college, he played in the front ranks of the victorious Rugby team, again holding his own. It is rather singular, that during his four years at college this energetic athlete never had the chance to know the bitterness of defeat. Besides his great athletic career on the gridiron, he has taken a prominent part in other kinds of athletics, doing justice to his university.

In the days to come he will be remembered as one of the old patriotic Stanford men, who always came to the rescue of his alma mater when she was in need.

Since leaving college he has entered the law office of Cleveland L. Dam and George Appell, attorneys for the State Building Trades Council. While in the attorneys' office, Mr. Mollino put everything aside, and devoted his whole time to the study of the law, and by conscientious and diligent study he was able to go before the court of appeals of the third district of California and passed a good test, which entitled him to practice law before all the courts of the state. Seventeen applicants took the examination, and only eight were successful in passing the required test.

Mr. Mollino is a determined and fearless young man of good moral habits and a diligent student of the law. Considering his great success of the past we feel more than assured that he will be a lawyer in the future, and do honor to himself and the people that have stood so faithfully by him and placed so much confidence in his ability; and last but not least, he must remember his own native county, which has the reputation of producing a number of able men.

Teachers' Examination.

During this week those desirous of becoming teachers in this county have been taking the examination at the public school building. There are twenty applicants, nineteen ladies and one young man, most of them being from out of the county. It will take some days to make all the corrections, and grade those passing. The names of the successful applicants will be published in our next issue. The board of education will be in session for several days yet in order to finish the business before them.

Rainfall.

Since our last report rain has fallen here, as measured by the gauge kept at the Ledger office as follows:

December 15	0.12
December 16	0.34
December 19	0.33
Total for week	0.79
Total for season to date	4.10
Same period last year	11.53

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.

Deeds.—Thomas K. Reeves to Edward M. Culbert, 160 acres in 18 and 19-8-15, \$10.

Henry Poll to Nellie Ginocchio, undivided half interest in 160 acres in 26-6-11.

Nellie Ginocchio et al, to Henry Poll lot in 26-6-11.

J. A. Gooding admr. to Earnest and Elmer J. Gooding, 115 acres, more or less in 2-4-9, \$2070.

Isabel Stewart to Ferdinand L. and Abraham L. Stewart, lot in 35-6-11, \$10.

Jennie F. and J. P. Little to Victor B. Mollino and Marguerite Mollino, a widow, lots 14½-30 and 29 of Webb and Mason tract, Jackson, \$850.

William May to Sultana and John Mitchell, lot 20 of Bright's addition, \$10.

Ferdinand L. Stewart to Abraham L. Stewart, half interest in lot in 35-6-11.

Lease.—Etta and James Harris to E. V. Zumbiel, lot 10 block 3 Jackson, one year at \$15 a month.

Sat. Lein.—Joseph Macchini vs. Burlington G. M. Co.

Notice of Location.—Giovanni Proddotti, quartz claim in Jackson mining district.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.—J. P. Little to Marguerite Mollino.

Bennetts, administrator of J. W. Wayland estate, to C. C. Prouty.

Patent.—U. S. to Charles Edward Reynolds, 160 acres in 25-8-14.

Official Bond.—A. Caminetti as notary public, Mrs. I. Sanguinetti and Charles E. Marre surties.

Affidavit of Birth.—Mrs. George Salzgeber of children born to Chung Mow Lee of Ione.

Commits Suicide

In a moment of despondency, Fred Kerr, a son of John B. Kerr, deceased, shot himself through the head with a rifle at a little after nine o'clock last Saturday evening, at the home of his mother in Amador City, while she and the rest of the family were at the skating rink. His brother upon returning, went to the room where the two slept and found Fred on the floor in a pool of blood, with the rifle lying beside him. An inquest was held, the verdict being that he came to his death through a self-inflicted wound. The remains were buried Tuesday afternoon in Amador. He leaves a mother, two sisters and two brothers.

The deceased was a young man about twenty-five years of age, and was of a very generous character, but his one failing was cards, and its adjunct drink. It is supposed that he was under the influence of liquor at the time he took his life. He had only just returned to Amador, having been at work in the Kennedy for some time. He formerly worked at the Camp Seco copper mine, and came from there to Jackson about three months ago. He was a blacksmith by trade, but was working as a miner in the Kennedy up to the time of committing the rash act. It is said he had made remarks several times about taking his own life.

Further particulars received are to the effect deceased went to Sutter Creek to enjoy himself with his friends, staying a couple of days. Late Saturday evening after spending all his money, he remarked to the boys, that he was tired of it and was going home to blow his head off. His friends gave little heed to these remarks, not having the least idea he was in earnest. Nevertheless, the young man after getting his supper at Sutter, went directly home to Amador City, stopped at the skating rink a few moments, where his mother,

sisters and brothers were, then went to the house and deliberately set to work planning his own destruction. He left a note on the kitchen table for his mother, in which he denounced himself, the world and all it contained, and meant to end it all. He then went to his brother Robert's room, placed his rifle on the bed, sat on the floor with his back leaning against a trunk, and true to his word soon ended it all. A neighbor hearing the shot ran in and saw the body, then notified the family. A large butcher knife was beside the body, and the supposition is that his first idea was to take that method, but changed his mind. No reason can be attributed for his rash act, save despondency over his losses, and temporary insanity from over indulgence. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, the body being interred in the Amador City cemetery beside his father, deceased many years ago. He was also the nephew of Andrew and James Riley of Sutter.

SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

HON. R. C. RUST, JUDGE.

Estate of Joseph A. Williams.—Final account settled and allowed. Decree of distribution entered. G. W. Nichols, judge.

W. J. McGee vs. Lincoln Gold M. Co. John Ross, et al.—W. G. Snyder appeared for defendant Bernardis. Other defendants were not represented. Judgment for plaintiff as prayed for.

Estate of John W. Wayland.—Final account allowed as presented. Petition for distribution continued.

Adelaide Laity vs. James Laity.—Complaint filed and summons issued.

Estate of Samuel W. Bright.—Carleton T. Bartlett petitions for letters. Special letters ordered issued. Bond of administrator filed.

New Cases.

Estate of Samuel W. Bright.—The petition of Carleton T. Bartlett for letters sets forth that the deceased died on the 10th of December, without leaving a will. The estate consists of real and personal property comprising the Bellweather mine, 19 acres, and 45 acres comprising the Bright ranch within the city limits of Jackson; also lot 3 block 2, Jackson, a quantity of wool stored at New Hope in San Joaquin county, and 2100 head of sheep near New Hope; also house and lot on Jackson Gate road. The total value of estate does not exceed \$10,000. The heirs are Martha Bright, widow, of Jackson, and brothers and sisters residing in Massachusetts whose names and residences are unknown to petitioner. Petitioner asks for appointment as the nominee in writing of the widow.

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Maple Syrup, pint can	.20
Canned Corn, 3 cans	.25
5 Pound Package Mush	.25
Golden Drip Syrup, per gallon	.60
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PLYMOUTH.

Dec. 18.—The rain of the last two weeks is making the farmers smile around back of their ears. They can now put in their summer fallow as well as plow their winter fallow. The rains shut off so suddenly last spring that there was no dry grass to fall back on during the dry summer, and it was dry so long that everything was eaten up clean, and now there is neither dry nor green feed. The green feed is just starting up, but the chances are that it will be so cold that we will not have any good pasturage until midwinter, and stock must be fed or suffer, and a great many will die if not fed.

Madame Rumor has it that the old Pacific mine is going to start up again, but the people about here have heard that story so long that it has become the old thing, and they pay no more attention to the rumor. When we see them go to work in earnest we will begin to think that there is something going to be done.

It seems that the coroner's jury in Mrs. Boyson's case were unable to ascertain the cause of her death. By the way, what were the doctors called for if not to get their opinion as to the cause of death, so as to help the jury make a comprehensive verdict.

(In regard to this matter we will state that the ambiguity of the jury's verdict is responsible for the difference of opinion that exists on the subject. As we are informed, there was no doubt whatever as to the cause of death. The medical men were a unit, so far as we have heard on that point. Death was caused from cerebral meningitis. If the verdict had so stated it would have been incapable of being misconstrued. But the point that could not be determined—or rather was not determined—was as to the cause of the fatal disease. It might have resulted from many causes, so that the jury, as a matter of fact, even with the expert medical testimony before them, they were unable to say whether or not anyone was blamable for that death. And an autopsy would probably not have aided them on this point in the least. We have not read the testimony taken at the inquest, but this is probably the correct version. A little more care in framing the verdict would no doubt have avoided the misunderstanding. —Ed.

Our pioneer temperance advocate, W. O. Clark, returned from El Dorado county last week, where he had been preaching temperance in order to get the people in line to vote on local option in that county in the near future.

Our supervisor, L. Burke, has been on the sick list, but is improving.

John McGregor's family has been increased by the entry of an embryo woman.

The M. E. church has duly installed their new minister.

The Rev. S. H. Phillips has left the church work here, and is now building houses in the capital city and Oak Park. The Phillips brothers are selling out preparatory to leaving their place in the spring.

Our jolly little friend, Mr. Barbe has moved to the Central House.

Pioneers are very scarce in this part of the county. Only four, two men and two women, remaining here.

By the way, will you please give your readers a synopsis of the treaty understanding, bargain or agreement, or whatever it was, written or unwritten, between President Roosevelt and the Mikado of Japan in relation to the exclusion of Japanese from the United States. There are about 50,000,000 people in the country that do not know what the terms are. The Japs must go. Old Pub.

Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burke, and the latter's father, Thomas Silva, are all confined to their beds with colds and fever. They are all under the care of Dr. W. A. Norman.

George Clark, who has been the victim of typhoid fever, is improving.

Earl Doty is busily engaged erecting porches to the large corrugated iron warehouse of Rosenwald & Kahn.

Monroe Wilson, an old man of about 86 years of age, who was buried in Oleta today, is a stepfather of W. Weston of this place; undertaker H. E. Potter conducted the funeral.

The remains of Mrs. Boyson, who died here last week, were taken Sunday to San Francisco for cremation. George Felker had the misfortune to lose his gray driving horse. He left here for Sacramento and had stopped to partake of dinner, and having finished his meal he came out to find that one of his horses had dropped dead.

Miss Daphne Culbert is reported quite ill with la grippe.

Mr. Liddicoat, who resides several miles above Oleta, was a visitor in town Monday evening. He was initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship the same evening.

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Mrs. Henry Carey has moved from Amador City, and intends to spend the winter here, her husband having gone to Nevada for employment.

Frank Cooper left here Monday morning for Shasta to work. Mrs. Cooper will remain this winter with her mother, Mrs. Wilson.

An Observer.

CAMP OPRA.

Following is the report of Camp Opra school for the month ending Dec. 3:

Edna Russell 97, Vincent Horton 96 5-7, Gerald Horton 95 4-7, Alice Russell 94, Eward Horton 93%, Irene Horton 93%. Percentage of attendance 99. — Annie I. Horton, teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer of Sacramento, are home for the holidays with Mrs. Speer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

H. B. Horr and family have moved to Kitchey.

SUTTER CREEK.

The happiest man in town at the present time is George Gillick. The stroke called at his residence early Tuesday morning and left a bouncing baby girl.

Miss Munger resigned from her position in the public school Wednesday, and was presented with a cut glass bowl by her class in appreciation of her efforts with them. Miss Munger returns to Berkeley Friday morning, and we understand will be a bride at Christmas tide. She is a charming young lady and has won many friends during her stay here, who wish her a life of health and happiness.

Thomas Mugford has returned from Goldfield, being employed in the mines there for ten months until the strike. He expects to return to Goldfield when peace is declared, taking his family with him.

Leslie Quirrollo, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Quirrollo, returned from San Francisco Sunday to spend the holidays. He has been under medical treatment for several months with Dr. Mayon for nervous trouble and returns greatly improved.

Miss Edith Dauerl is the guest this week of Miss Sadie Kerr in Amador City.

Mesdames J. McNaughton and Grady, attended the funeral of Frederick Kerr in Amador City Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Annie Jones returned from Crockett Tuesday, to spend the holidays under the parental roof.

Mrs. Robert Culbert and little daughter, are in Amador City, visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. White.

The M. E. ladies' aid are in busy preparations for their bazaar Saturday afternoon and evening, when they expect to gather in all stray pennies, and all donations thankfully received.

John Williams and Miss Emma Daugherty, two young people of our town, are to be congratulated upon keeping a secret. It was a genuine surprise to their immediate families as well as friends, when last Friday the secret came out, and the announcement of their marriage since last July the 30th, in San Rafael.

A little previous to this date, Mrs. Williams went to San Francisco to visit with friends, Mr. Williams following later for a little recreation, when they were quietly married, and sometime later returning home at different times, the lady resuming her position as usual, at the American Exchange hotel, Mr. Williams going to his work and living at home as heretofore.

About a month ago the lady resigned her position, and has been staying with friends until the announcement, altho a little sore by being thus outwitted by one of their number. The boys came out nobly and serenaded the couple Saturday night, congratulations etc., followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are living at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Frances Williams on Spanish street.

A most terrible and shocking accident occurred last Wednesday morning about 9 a. m., at the residence of

Thos. Frakes, when Miss Mary Dempsey of San Francisco, grand treasurer of the N. D. G. W., fell from the second floor, a distance of about 18 feet to the rocky ground beneath, breaking her back in three places. The lady occupied a room on the upper floor, around which is a porch without a railing. She stepped from her room onto this porch with a bowl of water, and in throwing the water from the bowl, it either slipped in her hands, throwing her forward, or she became a little dizzy, and the porch being frosty and slippery, she fell the whole distance. There was no one to see the accident, as her friends were awaiting her appearance for breakfast and wondering at the delay. Upon investigation, was found where she had fallen, assistance was rendered and as gently as sympathetic hands could, she was carried to the bed, and made as comfortable as possible until the arrival of Dr. Griffin, who immediately recognized the seriousness of the case and advised another physician in consultation, so Dr. Endicott of Jackson, was sent for. All that can be done to alleviate her suffering is being done. The Native Daughters, her sisters in fraternity, are alternating in attendance, with cheering words and loving kindness. She is perfectly resigned to her fate, smiling and cheerful through it all. Her physicians hold but little encouragement. Laura Frakes her friend and associate in fraternity, returned home a week ago to spend the holidays. A trained nurse is also in attendance. Miss Dempsey has a married sister in San Francisco, who arrived here as early as possible. Sutterite.

MINING NOTES.

South Eureka—From the way the stock of this mine has advanced in price within the past week or two, it is evident that a decided change for the better has taken place in the underground developments. The shares have gone up from 8 cents to 30 cents. A party was here in the early part of the week offering 25 cents per share for all he could get, and he failed to get much at that price.

Defender Mine.—It is reported that a good streak of pay rock was encountered on Monday at the Defender mine, Pioneer dist., and that during the succeeding days it improved in appearance. The mine is in charge of M. B. Joyce.

Keystone.—The Keystone mine at Amador has just completed the installation of a new electric pump, which worked perfectly from the start, taking out the water about twice as fast as the old method.

High School

Apportionment.

The apportionment of high school funds in the hands of the state treasury to the various high school districts has just been made. The apportionment was delayed owing to a legal question that came up for decision before the supreme court. The question was whether night highs were entitled to share in the pro rata of the funds, the same as other high schools. The court held that they are not so entitled. The apportionment now made would have been made last July had not this litigation cropped up. Amador county, which means the Union high school of lone, receives by this distribution \$259.38; being the smallest beneficiary of the entire list. The next lowest is El Dorado with \$280.55; Calaveras does not share in the division, not having been established the required two years to entitle them to draw state money.

Basketball Game

At Sonora

Last Saturday evening the lone high school basketball team defeated the team of the Sonora high by a score of 15-8, in a game that was full of exciting plays from the very moment the boys went on the floor. At first it was proposed to hold the game on the school ground, but this was changed, so they met in the skating rink. Our boys are not used to playing on wood, having played only one game this season indoors, and this was in Stockton with the business college, who defeated them, though the lone boys had defeated them when they played in the open on their own grounds. So the visitors went into the game with a few misgivings, though they were proven to be groundless, as is shown by the score. This was the first game that the Sonora high played with outsiders, so that they did exceedingly well considering. Mr. Inch, the principal, and formerly of lone high, is the coach. Friday evening the visiting team was given a reception by the girls of the Sonora high.

Following is the line-up of the two teams:

lone High.
Forwards—Carl Isaacs, Clarence Carpenter.
Center—Maurice Jones.
Guards—Ralph McGee, Larkin Carpenter.

Substitutes—Whitney Rust, Albert Bennett, Harry Herffen, Bryon Miller. Official—Wilbur Randall.

Tuolumne County High.
Forwards—Horace Sandoval, Harry Morse.
Center—Elton Shine.

Guards—David Doyle, Joseph Mills. Substitutes—Lewis Bach, Chester Otis, Clarence Grayson, Austin Gibbons.

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GILLICK.—In Sutter Creek, Dec. 17, 1907, to the wife of George Gillick, a daughter.

MARRIED.

HIGHTOWER-MADELINE.—In Oleta December 1, 1907, John Wesley Hightower to Annie Katherine Madeline, both of Oleta.

FISTOLERA-LIVERI.—In Jackson, Nov. 2, 1907, by W. G. Thompson, Bernardo Fistolera and Carlotta Liveri.

WILLIAMS-DAUGHERTY.—In San Rafael, July 30, 1907, John Williams of Sutter Creek, and Emma Daugherty of Jackson.

DIED.

KERR.—In Amador City, Dec. 14, 1907, Fredrick Kerr, a native of Amador City, aged 25 years.

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Timber Land Act June 3, 1878—
Notice for Publication. 2149

United States Land Office, Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 4, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, John Carver, of Pine Grove, county of Amador, State (or Territory) of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2149, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, of Section No. 22, in Township No. 8 N., Range No. 14 E., M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the U. S. Commissioner for Amador county, at his office in Jackson, Calif., Monday, the 17th day of Feb., 1908.

He names as witnesses: L. W. Jones, Frank Primo, E. Henson and W. J. Davis all of Pine Grove, Calif. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of Feb., 1908.

JOHN F. ARMSTRONG, register. Not coal land. First publication Dec. 6, 1907.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878—
Notice for Publication. 2074

United States Land Office, Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 4, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, John A. Lonzi, of lone, county of Amador, State (or Territory) of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2074, for the purchase of the Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 5, T. 7 N., R. 13 E., and SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, of Section No. 32, in Township No. 8 N., Range No. 13 E., M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at U. S. Land Office in Sacramento, Calif. on Tuesday, the 11th day of Feb., 1908.

He names as witnesses: T. Gebhart, C. Henderson and A. T. Tonzi of lone, Calif., and Bert Martin of Amador City, Calif.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of Feb., 1908.

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Amador County Descriptive Article

Amador county comprises an area of 548 square miles. It lies on the western slope of Sierra Nevada mountains, and embraces within its territory all the diversity of valley, foothill, and high mountainous lands.

Climate.—The climate of the populous portions of the county is as genial and healthful as can be found anywhere in California. As climate is one of the most valuable assets of this favored state in attracting population, Amador stands second to no county in this regard. It should, and no doubt will in time, when its climatic advantages are more thoroughly understood and appreciated, become a health resort not only for those in less favored states, but for the residents of other parts of California. The temperature alone the central portion rarely falls below 30 degrees above zero in winter, and as rarely rises to 100 degrees in the summer. Snow seldom falls in the settled districts, and never remains on the ground for more than a few hours. Of course, in the high mountain regions of eastern Amador the snowfall is very heavy—which is characteristic of the entire Sierra Nevada range. The summer season is always accompanied with cool nights; permitting of sound, refreshing slumber. Fogs are rare, cyclones are unknown, thunderstorms are infrequent.

Gold Mining.—The county, although rich in other sources of wealth, comparatively untouched, is noted principally for her quartz mines. The deepest gold mines in America are located here. The Kennedy mine is now taking gold in liberal quantities from quartz extracted from a depth of over 2000 feet below the surface, with every indication that the pay-ore extends to a much greater depth. Since the discovery of gold, the county has contributed fully \$100,000,000 to the world's supply of the precious metal. The mines are still yielding at the rate of about two million dollars annually. Nearly all of this wealth is produced by eight or ten mines operating on what is called the "mother lode," stretching clear across the county in a north-easterly direction a distance of twenty miles. The mines aggregate between 400 and 500 stamps, and furnish employment for over 1000 miners. This industry is still in its infancy. The unexplored territory, even along the main gold belt, is far in excess of the ground that has actually been worked or prospected. The county offers to-day one of the most inviting fields to be found anywhere in the world for the investment of capital in the fascinating business of gold mining, not alone along the mother lode, but also in the almost untouched mineralized country of the east belt, some ten or twelve miles from the main lode.

Besides gold, we have copper, deposits of pottery, coal, marble, slate, limestone, granite, and soapstone or talc—all undeveloped.

Agricultural Capabilities.—The agricultural possibilities equal, if not excel, the mineral riches. The valley lands will produce anything that can be grown in the most favored sections. In the foothill lands all kinds of deciduous fruits thrive; also all kinds of vegetable are raised where irrigation is practicable along the numerous water courses. Further up in the mountains, at an altitude of 2000 to 2500 feet, the soil is admirably adapted for apples and potatoes. A ready market for many times the quantity now raised of these commodities can be found in the various mining towns.

Grape culture and winemaking are becoming important industries, both the grapes and wine commanding a better price than the product of the lowland.

Land is cheap compared with other California lands. Improved farms may be secured for one-fourth the price current in some places. Unimproved lands can be had from \$5 to \$10 per acre. It does not require a fortune to buy a small ranch. There is room for a large addition to our agricultural population. Vast tracts now devoted to cattle ranges might be made the homes of hundreds of prosperous farmers.

Amador has a population of less than 12000. Three fourths of this is concentrated in a strip of three miles above and below the mineral belt.

Jackson, the county seat, has about 2500 inhabitants, and is an incorporated city of the sixth class. Other towns are Sutter Creek, Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth, Volcano, Pine Grove and Oleta. Ione City is the metropolis of the valley section, a thriving town of 1000 inhabitants.

The community is law-abiding. Educational facilities are excellent. A schoolhouse is within easy reach of nearly every family. There is one high school, located at Ione.

The assessment roll for 1907 is \$5,800,793, and the tax rate for both state and county purposes \$2 on the \$100.

The Southern Pacific has a branch railroad running to Ione. From this point the Ione and Eastern railroad extends 14 miles further to the mining section.

The various religious denominations and fraternal organizations are well represented.

The power plant of the Standard Electric Co—one of the largest in the world—is located four miles from Jackson.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, D.C., Dec. 6, 1907. The sixtieth congress convened last Monday with the customary quiet ceremonies. There were many new faces in both houses, so that it was noticeable that the present congress has a new element, whose legislative course will be watched with interest.

As to the organization of the house, it was at no time doubtful that Mr. Cannon would be speaker. His eminent abilities and the manner in which he has guided the body over which he has so long presided practically excluded any other choice. His firmness and conservatism will, it is believed, be specially needed during the coming session.

The great questions which have been discussed by members of congress as they arrived in Washington have been the financial situation and the probable candidate of the republican party for the presidency.

The monetary stringency being so acute and affecting as it does practically everybody, was naturally the principal topic. It seemed to be the universal opinion that the cause of the existing difficulties was primarily the loss of confidence by the public in financial institutions and the great business corporations. Opinions differed somewhat as to the cause of this loss of public confidence, but it seemed to be conceded that at least one very potent influence has been the almost constant hammering which has been given vested capital during the past few years by writers of a sensational character who have carried to the extreme the ideas underlying the prosecution by the government of corporations accused of having violated the law.

Added to this was the pretty general suspicion that the good times of the past six years have so stimulated business and encouraged speculation that obligations had perhaps overstepped the ability to meet them. This still further weakened confidence in the financial stability of the country.

The effect of this lack of confidence began to be seriously manifested a year ago, when great industries and enterprises commenced to experience difficulty in securing money for needed improvements and extensions to take care of increasing business. Expenditures of all kinds by these great interests were in consequence curtailed, which further influenced the public idea as to future prospects, and there came to be developed a pretty general loss of confidence impairing the general credit.

The mass of the people were in this state of uncertainty and tension when the failure of a weak concern precipitated a panic, which would not have occurred during what was one of the most prosperous years of our history had not the credit of nearly all enterprises been weakened.

This loss of public confidence has led to that hoarding of money which still further aggravated the difficulty.

Without the prompt and vigorous action of J. P. Morgan and his associates, to whom later the secretary of the treasury loaned his aid, the disaster would have been appalling. As it is, the people have had time to see that they themselves, through a withdrawal of confidence in fundamentally sound institutions and enterprises, are for the most part to blame for the present situation, and that a renewal of the old confidence is all that is needed to bring about the old condition of prosperity.

The crisis is now well passed, and time will bring further relief.

By many members of congress it is held that some kind of legislation is necessary to give us a more flexible currency, and it is certain that such legislation will be discussed in both houses.

But the ideas as to what is needed are so varied and are held with such tenacity that it will be a difficult matter to agree upon any plan. But there can be no doubt that the discussion will develop important data, and that it will be serviceable to the country at large. It is almost too much to expect that a bill of the character indicated will be speedily passed.

The other great question—the nomination of a candidate for president—is being debated very earnestly in all quarters, and everywhere is heard the question, "Is Roosevelt a candidate?" thus apparently justifying Justice Brewer's famed reference to a game of hide and seek in which the president takes part.

There are aspirants enough, but the problem is to pick the winner. It is regarded as certain that the bold action of senator Foraker will weaken the chance of secretary Taft, who, it is now thought, may not get the unanimous support of his own state.

Senator Foraker may be relied upon to wage as vigorous a war as even a strenuous opponent may desire, and as there depends on the outcome far more than his nomination as presi-

dent or his return to the senate, the contest in Ohio will be intently watched by all who realize what has been the drift of affair.

The booms of vice-president Fairbanks and speaker Cannon are extremely healthy, though how they will develop is what the most experienced politician can not tell. That there will be other booms launched is very likely and it is regarded as quite certain that secretary of the treasury Cortelyou will be put forward at some stage of the game. But the mention of the names of cabinet officers for the high position is hardly taken seriously by those who consider themselves wise on politics, for they simply believe that any cabinet name means only the president.

However, the situation may perhaps clear up as time elapses, so that there may be a clearer idea of "who's who" in the somewhat exclusive society composed of presidential candidates. The president's message at the assembling of congress contained nothing very startling outside of the very remarkable recommendation that congress shall make appropriations for the campaign expenses of the great political parties during presidential years. This is looked upon as an entirely new departure in the art of self-government.

The excellence of the work of the department of agriculture is being more and more appreciated, particularly in California, and those of our people who are interested in the productions of the state are realizing more and more fully its importance. The bureau of soils has been actively engaged in its particular line of work on the Pacific coast, and the facts discovered and suggestions based thereon have been of very great value to all producers. Commercial and agricultural organizations are alive to the bearing of these investigations on the prosperity of California, and are on the watch for new directions in which the energy of the bureau of soils may be directed.

The Stockton chamber of commerce has been specially impressed with the promptness and efficiency of the work of the bureau in that part of the San Joaquin valley, and has thought itself more than justified in suggesting that the appropriations for this service be increased so the scope of the work may be enlarged. It has therefore prepared and sent to Washington a memorial to congress asking that a more liberal allowance be granted to the department of agriculture, and, particularly, to the bureau of soils. This will be presented to the senate by senator Perkins, who will ask that it be referred to the committee on agriculture, and will endeavor to secure an increase in the appropriation for the purposes mentioned.

The pinch of the existing money stringency is felt in the most unexpected places. Apparently no class of people is exempt. Communications to members of the delegation from different parts of California show that the holders of mining claims are not exempt, and they are now asking for relief. The Los Angeles chamber of mines has forwarded to senator Perkins resolutions suggesting congressional action, waiving during the year 1907 and 1908 the provisions of the mining laws requiring the performance of assessment work on all mining claims.

This seems to be necessary, as the impossibility of raising money to prosecute the prescribed work will in many instances lay claims open to "jumpers" who would thus steal the results of the labor of the original locators.

During previous periods of stringency action of this kind was taken, and there is little doubt that congress will now take similar action. A well-known firm of lawyers in San Francisco, thoroughly conversant with the needs of our mining population, has prepared a bill covering this point, and has submitted it to senator Perkins, who has introduced it in the senate, and will work for its passage.

The growing coastwise commerce of California, particularly of the ports north of San Francisco, demands many improvements to navigation, which the California delegation will urge during the present session. The Ferndale chamber of commerce is early in the field with a request that a canal be constructed to connect the Eel river valley with Humboldt bay. It would apparently cost comparatively little to cut a canal from Eel river across the marsh land to Humboldt bay, and the chamber asks that an appropriation for a survey be made by congress. Congressman Englebright has the matter in hand, and has personally examined the route. The delegation will heartily co-operate and as the cost of the survey will be inconsiderable there is little doubt that the necessary appropriation will be made.

Congressman Hayes has announced that he has prepared and will introduce a bill to limit Oriental immigration, and that the movement will have the support of the entire congressional delegation from California

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"And he shot, but the panther, dodging behind a tree, escaped unhurt."

"Then the panther rushed forth before the hunter could reload."

"Aha, here's my dinner," said the panther.

"And he fell upon the hunter and devoured him."

"Thus each got what he wanted, the hunter getting his fur overcoat and the panther getting his dinner."

The Coach and Four Came.

Among the many records of Harrow school is that of a boy, the son of a poor local tradesman in a very small way of business. His schoolfellows often taunted him about his family poverty. Their thoughtless jeers, although hurting his feelings, drew from him the retort, "I intend before I die to ride in a coach and four." The years sped by, and lo and behold, the poverty stricken youngster of Harrow had developed into Dr. Parr, the greatest scholar of his time, whose customary and favorite means of locomotion was a coach and four!—London Mail.

How the Baby Talked.

Mr. Bacon—I was up to see the Smarts' baby today.

Mrs. Bacon—Did they make him talk?

"Yes."

"What did he say?"

"I couldn't understand. I think it's a great mistake for a mother to teach a child to talk when she has hairpins in her mouth!"—Yonkers Statesman.

The Lovely Life.

Mrs. Proud—What did you think of Myrtle's essay on "The Lovely Life?" Mr. Proud—Excellent. No one would think that Myrtle drinks eau de cologne and slaps her little brother, would they, dear?—Chicago News.

Preoccupied.

The professor had fallen downstairs, and as he thoughtfully picked himself up he remarked, "I wonder what noise that was I just heard?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The applause of a single human being is of great consequence.—Johnson.

True Business Instinct.

Ed was a mighty bright negro belonging to a family in Columbia, Tenn. He had been a faithful servant for many years, and by saving and carefully investing his wages he had belied the usual thriftlessness attributed with more or less justice to the majority of his race.

His master was an attorney, and one morning before he had arisen the lawyer was called upon by Ed, who said:

"Say, boss, Ah wants yo' ter draw me up a mawkgidge."

"A mortgage?" asked his master.

"What do you want a mortgage for?"

"Well, Ah's done lent Unc' Lisha five dollars, an' Ah wants a mawkgidge on his cow an' caff."

"For how long have you lent the money?"

"Fo' one monf."

"One month! Why, the interest on that amount for that time wouldn't pay for the paper a mortgage is written on."

"Boss," said Ed, scratching his head, "Ah ain't carin' nuffin' fo' dat intrust. Ah jes' wants dat niggah's cow an' caff."—Judge.

ITEMS WORTHY OF PERUSAL.

Mexico is very musical, and a great deal of the demand for musical instruments is taken care of by the United States.

London consumes over 9,000,000 tons of coal every year.

The best tea sells in China for less than 10 cents a pound.

Backgammon was invented in Greece in the year 1224.

Asparagus is the oldest known plant used for food.

Sixteen millions of mackerel have been landed this season at Newlyn, Cornwall.

Four minutes and 29 1/4 seconds is man's record for staying under water.

Houses in Berlin are numbered in luminous paint.

The Persians have a different name for every day in the month.

The average Arab drinks nine or ten cups of coffee daily.

The various countries of the world now use 13,400 different kinds of postage stamps.

The average duration of the reign of English monarchs for the last 600 years has been twenty-one years.

The cold storage company of London sometimes has charge of \$750,000 worth of furs belonging to its patrons.

For cracks in stoves: Finely pulverized iron—procured at a druggist's—made into a thick paste with water-glass.

The railway companies of South Australia spend \$80,000 a year in removing weeds from their lines.

The college at Valparaiso with 5141 students ranks second of those on this continent in point of enrollment.

The film of a soap bubble is so thin that 50,000,000 of them would be required to make 1 inch.

A good locomotive will travel about 1,000,000 miles before it wears out.

With ordinary care it ought to last twelve years.

The world's sheep shearing record is 2394 animals in nine hours. This was done at Hawk's Bay station in Australia.

At the last session no fewer than 780,600 letters and packets have been posted at the house of commons post office, and 1,087,450 delivered.

Potatoes, after being steeped in sulphuric acid and pressed hard, are used in the manufacture of billiard ball and imitation meerschaum pipes.

The Turkish government recently disposed of an immense collection of stamps which it possessed in order to raise money to build a railroad.

Strong feeling is raging in German and Austrian trade circles against co-operative shops, which are practically ruining the internal trade of these countries.

Probably the easiest worked coal mine in the world is at Hongay, near Tonkin. It is situated in the side of a hill, and the coal is simply run out on trucks, instead of having to be hauled to the surface.

Many householders dislike to burn organic refuse because of the offensiveness of the process. This can be overcome entirely by first drying such matters in the asphalt beneath the fire.

The statement is made that 55,000,000 cabs and other vehicles passed

through the Liverpool street station, London, during last year.

During the nineteenth century fifty-two islands rose from the sea owing to volcanic action, and sixteen disappeared.

A woman with a pedometer discovered that she covered seven miles a day in doing her ordinary household work. Egypt has a great number of small landowners, over 1,000,000 persons being the proprietors of the land they occupy.

The claim is made that the railroad station at Juvisy, on the outskirts of France, will soon be the largest in the world.

During the last ten years the plague has killed more people in India than were sacrificed in all the wars since the time of Napoleon.

Land and Mineral Decisions.

Reported by Woodford D. Harlan, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C.

Mining Claim, Townsite.—In controversies between parties claiming public lands under the townsite and mining laws, respectively, the phrases, "lands known to be valuable for minerals," or "for mineral deposits," and "known mines," or "land containing known mines," are equivalent in meaning.

Practice.—If a case is ready for consideration under the "Rules of Practice," it may be advanced on the docket without notice to either party.

Residence by Wife.—Practice—Failure of the wife to reside on the land until after notice of contest does not impeach the good faith of the claimant where it is apparent that his final removal to the land is in compliance with a previous bona fide intention of the claimant to make his home on the land.

Coal Lands.—Sections 2345 and 2342, R. S., do not require that a coal claimant must have opened a mine on the land at the time of filing a declaratory statement therefor.

Contest.—Practice—A hearing ordered as to the status of land does not involve the applicant's qualifications to enter.

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY

Reported weekly for the Ledger.

Peat Gas for Power.—Ancient Coinage.—An Old Nature Fake.—Drill Tempering by Electric Furnace.—Picture Telegraphy.—A Sensitive Photometer.—The Modern Alchemy.—Wire Gauze for Stopping Vapor.

Just as the conversion of peat into coke and valuable by-products seems to have become a practical success in Ireland, the use of peat for producer gas gives promise of transforming the moors of Germany into centers of industry. Peat taken out in excavating the Macard canal is to be used first in Dr. N. Caro's plant for gasifying peat and waste coal in a mixture of air and superheated steam, and it is calculated that one ton of crude wet peat will yield 66 pounds of ammonium sulphate, worth \$1.75, and 88,250 cubic feet of gas, suitable for driving gas engines and capable of producing 600 horse power of energy. Drying and pressing the peat will be avoided, while the production of ammonium sulphate—valuable as a fertilizer—will ensure alone a fair return on the outlay. Removing the peat will not convert a fertile region into a wilderness, as coal mining often does, but stripping the barren moors will change them into fine farming land.

While ancient coins and medals are numerous, the only genuine antique die known seems to be that found at Tel El Athrib, Egypt, in 1905. Prof. C. Zenghelis reports that this is of bronze, 2 inches high and six ounces in weight, dates from 43 to 322 B.C., and the base is engraved with the owl of the Athenian tetradrachma pieces. The alloy seems to have consisted of about 75 per cent of copper and 25 of tin. The die is evidence of great metallurgical skill—the unusual proportion of tin being necessary for hardness, while the extreme purity of the two metals gave the necessary malleability.

Another old belief has been disproven—great pythons and other serpents in the London Zoological Garden being no longer given live food, but eating with avidity dead rabbits, pigeons, fowls and goats.

The underground electric furnace promises to work quite a revolution in mining. As made for the gold mines of the Rand, in South Africa, the furnace consists of a tank lined with heat-proof material, with an interior iron crucible similarly lined, and the crucible contains neutral salts that are instantly fused by the current and form a bath in which metal can be heated to a high degree. Two electrodes on each side, conveying monophase current, are connected with a special transformer that gives precise regulation of temperature to any point between 750 degrees and 1400 degrees C. The furnace is designed for drill sharpening, and it offers important advantages, not least of which, it is believed, is that of permitting the best grades of steel, which ordinary sharpening affects injuriously although not acting upon cheaper steels. There is little loss of heat from radiation and great gain in rapidity of working, and the apparatus is useful for annealing as well as hardening. The fused salt not only does not attack the metal but it forms a coating that resists oxidation.

In transmitting pictures by wire, Prof. Korn, of Munich, seems to have been the first to achieve practical success, but other inventors are aiding in bringing the art to a high stage of development. Already Prof. E. Belin, a French engineer, claims better definition, sending the image of a carbon print in relief. The photograph is mounted on a rotating cylinder, and a finger following its contour introduces resistance into the line circuit and thus shifts an oscillating mirror at the receiving end. The mirror focusses light on a hole 1-150 of an inch in diameter in contact with a sensitive film on a second cylinder rotating synchronously with the first. The light is varied in intensity by the shifting of the mirror, and, aided by a screen of graduated tone, gives variations on the film corresponding to the variations in relief of the carbon print. The scale of tones may be reversed so as to produce either a positive or negative at will.

The new selenium photometer of a German firm of instrument makers is claimed to indicate the candle-power of lamps with ten times the sensitiveness of any light measuring device hitherto used, while it is free from the defects of other apparatus, and avoids the errors due to personal differences of estimate and the difficulty of rating the brightness of different colors. A selenium cell is made to oscillate so that it is alternately lighted by a standard lamp and by the lamp under test. The cell is in an electric circuit, with a milli-

amperemeter, and the variations in the current due to differences in the light are indicated by the pointer of the measuring scale. When the two illuminations are equal, no variation of current results, the pointer remaining stationary. By moving one lamp the illumination can be balanced in the usual way, and the strength of the tested lamp compared with the standard is estimated from the relative distances of the two lamps from the photometer.

The transmutation of elements is as eagerly sought now as in the time of the ancient alchemists, and the apparent decomposition of platinum by Theodore Grosse, a German chemist, is a new result encouraging to the seekers. Potassium carbonate in a platinum vessel was subjected for many hours to an alternating current between platinum electrodes potassium nitrate being occasionally added. The platinum vessels and the electrodes lost weight, the electrodes became coated with needle-shaped crystals resembling charcoal, and the contents of the vessel became changed to a brown powder. The powder proved to be free from potassium and carbon, while no platinum was found in crystals or powder.

A mask of aluminum wire to absorb mercury vapors is the suggestion of Signor Tarugi, an Italian, for avoiding poisoning in mercury mines, mirror factories, and other places where workers are exposed to this volatile metal.

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That certain town lot in Volcano, Amador county, California, described according to the official map and survey of said townsite of Volcano now on file in the office of the County Recorder as Lot No. 2 in Block No. 14, with all the improvements thereon.

Terms of sale: Cash Gold Coin of the United States, 10 per cent of purchase price to be paid by purchaser on day of sale, balance on confirmation by said Superior Court. Deed at expense of purchaser. H. E. POTTER, Administrator with the Will annexed of the estate of Mary Thomsen, deceased. Wm. J. McGee, Attorney for the Administrator.

Dissolution of Copartnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between John Garbarini and Lorenzo J. Arata in the plumbing business at Jackson, Amador county, Cal., under the firm name of Garbarini & Arata, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will hereafter be conducted by John Garbarini, who will be responsible for all bills against said firm, and to whom all debts due the firm are payable. Jackson, Nov. 20, 1907. LORENZO J. ARATA. JOHN S. GARBARINI.

To Whom It

May Concern:

Office of W. H. Greenhalgh, Superintendent of Schools, Amador county, Jackson, Cal. Nov. 25th, 1907.

The board of Education of Amador county, will meet at 10 o'clock, a. m. on Saturday, December 14th, in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, for the purpose of making out and adopting questions to be submitted to the applicants for teachers certificates.

The examination will begin at 9 o'clock, a. m. on Monday, December 16th, and continue until completed. On December the 21st the Board will renew certificates, grant recommendations for State Educational Documents, adopt supplementary and Library books, consider excuses presented by absentees from the teachers' Institute held in Sacramento, Oct. 22, 23, 24, 25th, and act upon other matters as may come before the Board. Respectfully, W. H. GREENHALGH, Supt. of Schools, Amador county.

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Local Editorial Page.

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Before our next issue another Christmas festival, with its Santa Claus, laden with gifts for the little ones—the tangible evidences of goodwill and generous impulses—will have passed into history. There is no reason why it should not be a season of rejoicing and merriment to the people of Amador county. The stores have made arrangements in the bountiful supply of goods for holiday presents on a scale never before surpassed, and the people generally are happy and prosperous, prepared to welcome the advent of the season by shedding gladness upon all around. The little ones are looking forward to Christmastide with joyful expectancy ready to gratify their faculty of

Turning to mirth all things of earth,
As childhood only can.

The Ledger extends greetings to all its readers, sincerely wishing them a

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THIRD TERM BOOMERS.

In spite of the clear statement of president Roosevelt that under no circumstances will he again become a candidate, there is still a disposition in some quarters to refuse to accept this declination as absolute. No man has a right to refuse the nomination, they claim, when the same is tendered by the unanimous choice of the convention. And if the convention, after fruitless balloting should stampede to Roosevelt, these third term apologists contend that he could not do otherwise than accept. We take no stock in this sort of talk. We believe the president means just what he says, and would not accept the nomination no matter in what shape it might be tendered. The talk of forcing Roosevelt anyhow is unwise. His name will go down in history as one of the greatest presidents this nation has produced. He has nothing to gain by venturing upon the untried experiment of a third term. The idea is repugnant to the masses of American citizens, nor is it likely that the personal popularity of Roosevelt would be sufficient to outweigh their scruples. Probably no one is better aware of the public pulse on this score than the president himself. For the republican party to attempt to establish a precedent in opposition to the unwritten but well-recognized anti-third-term law would simply invite disaster. It is the enemies of the party, and not its friends, who are urging this reckless course. The most ardent admirers of president Roosevelt are not prepared to admit that he is the only man possessing the requisite qualifications to head the republican ticket in the coming campaign. Democrats, who are bankrupt both in principles and voting strength, are the preachers of that doctrine. They have nothing else to bank on except a possible blunder on the part of their opponents. But the republican convention is not apt to fall into the trap of "doing exactly the wrong thing at the right time."

Governor Gillett is credited with favoring an increase in the number of bank commissioners as a safeguard against a recurrence of such rottenness in banking methods as has been brought to light by the collapse of the California safe deposit and trust company. It may or may not be true that three commissioners are inadequate to keep track of the standing of all the banking institutions of the state. The policy of scattering responsibility among a larger number of individuals has never been found to work well in actual practice. There is no guarantee that there would not be as many lapses with a score of commissioners as with three. Concentration of responsibility as a rule secures the better service. That a radical reform is necessary in the manner of protecting the public against wildcat banking is evident, and a good starter in that direction would be the ousting of the present commissioners who have allowed the defunct bank to fleece depositors for years under their official sanction.

The special holidays are to be discontinued after to-morrow. The banks have recovered from the financial scare so as to justify a return to normal business conditions. The people too have about gotten over their temporary and perhaps needless fright, and are trotting back their hoarded money into the customary channels of trade. Any serious run on the banks consequent upon the lifting of the blockade incident to forced holidays is improbable. The volume of business throughout the country has been materially curtailed by the stringency, and the causes contributory thereto, and the process of getting back to the high plane of pre-panic times will be slow. Here in Amador county business has moved along satisfactorily throughout, almost unconscious of the monetary stress that was raging outside. We have maintained without effort a gold-cash basis all through.

Three hundred thousand tons of coal had to be provided the naval squadron in making the trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, a quantity sufficient to bury the business portion of Jackson.

Amador's Gold Product.

The output of gold for Amador county for 1906 is very gratifying. It is one of the heaviest yields for this section of the mother lode that we have had since early days. It is figured in the bulletin just issued from the office of the state mineralogist, Lewis S. Aubrey, at \$2,260,376. That is nearly an average of \$180,000 per month. We lead all other counties of the quartz mining class, except Nevada, and Nevada leads us by less than \$400,000. We are far ahead of our near neighbors of the mother lode belt, as the following official figures will show.

Amador	\$2,260,376
Calaveras	1,644,234
El Dorado	431,746
Tuolumne	1,039,675

So that we contributed more than twice as much gold as the once famous Tuolumne, and over \$600,000 more than Calaveras, which a few years back outstripped us in bullion production. In total mineral output we are still outpointed by Calaveras, owing to the heavy yield in copper of that county, which last year amounted to nearly a million dollars. Amador at present contributes very little in either silver or copper. However, as a gold section it ought to command a great deal more attention from capitalists on the lookout for profitable investment than it is receiving at present. Our foothills carry the gold. There is no disputing that fact. And the gold bearing quartz is proven to go much deeper into the bowels of the earth than has been proven at any other point in California.

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goes without saying. The influx of Japanese and Hindus is paving the way for the introduction of Asiatics still less desirable, and the entire Pacific coast, British as well as American, is so unanimous on this point that it is hard to see how the representatives of the Eastern states, who are not yet confronted with this problem, can offer prolonged opposition.

It is certain that this question will be one of the most important ones coming before this congress. But that any attempt by the California delegation to place Japanese on the same footing with Chinese in the matter of immigration, will be opposed by the administration is made certain by the president's announcement to congressmen Hayes and Kahn that he is decidedly opposed to any bill excluding Japanese laborers.

The Washington "Post" regards it as a very significant that five minutes after the departure of the California congressmen, the Japanese ambassador arrived for a conference with the president. Later, the announcement that the ambassador had been recalled to Japan gave rise to rumors of diplomatic difficulties on the Japanese immigration question, which is complicated by the orders to our big fleet to proceed to the Pacific.

But there is yet no authentic information as to any diplomatic difficulty having arisen.

The chamber of commerce of San Francisco is making an effort to secure for the merchants of that city a part at least of the supplies for the Panama canal work. Senator Perkins placed the matter before the canal commission and has requested that San Francisco dealers be recognized. Lieutenant H. F. Hodges, the general purchasing officer of the commission,

has stated to the senator that purchases of provisions, which the chamber of commerce particularly referred to, are made through the purchasing agent of the Panama Railroad Company in New York, who makes contracts covering six months. The present contracts will expire in February, when Lieutenant Hodges promises that opportunity will be given to San Francisco dealers to make bids for the ensuing six months. It has been the custom, he says, to invite bids from all parts of the country, and to award contracts in accordance with the price and quality of the goods. At the last letting of contracts, after the bids were opened and classified, samples were requested from the three lowest bidders, and the award given to that one of the three bids which seemed most advantageous to the government. San Francisco merchants will do well, therefore, to give consideration to this matter and prepare themselves to make bids for the supplies to be advertised for in February next.

Notification has been received by Senator Perkins that the dedication at San Diego of the monument to the Bennington's dead, originally fixed for December 12th, has been postponed, but no later date has yet been determined upon.

A vigorous effort will be made during the session to secure the establishment of a naval station somewhere on San Francisco bay, and others at San Diego and San Pedro. Such stations will become absolutely necessary by reason of the increase in the strength of the United States fleet in the Pacific. That the navy department will recommend the establishment of a station can hardly be doubted, the only question being its location. The people of Oakland are alive to the importance of the project, and through Hon. E. C. Sessions have called to the attention of Congressman Knowland and Senator Perkins the availability and advantage of that section of land on Oakland harbor opposite the north arm of the Estuary. The sub-soil is reported to be of peculiarly suitable character for the building of docks and other great works of that kind, and an ample depth of water can easily be secured and maintained. Senator Perkins and Congressman Knowland will at once bring this question to the attention of the navy department and endeavor to secure some action. The secretary of the navy, being a resident of Alameda county, will it is hoped, give it his favorable consideration.

There seems to be some doubt in the minds of some of the people of Oakland as to the work that can be performed under the present contract for dredging Oakland harbor, and the Oakland chamber of commerce has indicated to Senator Perkins and congressman Knowland what it deems of prime importance, provided the entire contract can not be carried out. It states that the work that is of greatest importance is widening the channel from Chestnut to Fallon street to 500 feet; thence to the mouth of the basin to 300 feet with a depth of 25 feet; thence deepening the channel entirely around Brooklyn basin to 17 feet.

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